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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.
INVESTMENT RECEIVED ON NEW SHARES, \$96,765.62
RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.
INVESTMENT OF PERMUNDE, received on NEW SHARES, \$69,330.43
\$3,193,330.43

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INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. GERALD SLADE and Mr. ALEXANDER MC CONAUGHEY are authorized to sign our firm from this date.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong and Foochow,
1st January, 1884.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of our Firm of Mr. WILHELM REINERS, ceased on the 31st December, 1883.

MR. MAX GROTE, MR. CARL JANTZEN and MR. STEPHAN C. MICHAELSEN, who have been signing our firm, are admitted PARTNERS from this date.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED A BRANCH of our Firm in Tsimshau, Formosa. Mr. WILHELM CHRISTY is authorized to sign on behalf of our Firm.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY admitted Mr. J. B. ELLAS a PARTNER in my business. It will hereafter be conducted under the style of "BELLIOS & CO."

E. R. BELLIOS & CO.

Hongkong, January 2, 1884.

NOTICE.

FREDERIC ALGAR, COLONIAL NEWSPAPER & COMMISION AGENT, 11, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, LONDON.

THE Colonial Press supplied with Newspapers, Books, Types, Ink, Presses, Papers, Correspondents, Letters, and any European Goods on London terms.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Colonial Newspapers received at the office are regularly filed for the inspection of advertisers and the public.

Intimations.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

THIS CLUB is formally OPENED on FRIDAY, the 1st of February, at 3 o'clock, by Lady BOWER.

All MEMBERS are invited to attend.

By the kind permission of Colonel Houson and OFFICERS the Band of the "Buffs" will be in attendance.

Hongkong, January 26, 1884.

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TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONGKONG.

THE TRUSTEES of St. John's CATHEDRAL find themselves compelled to appeal to the liberality of Residents here for assistance in providing the Cathedral with a NEW ORGAN, the INSTRUMENT present having so far deteriorated in value as not to be worth the very extensive repairs which alone would make it serviceable. Its present value is evident to those who have attended Divine Service for some time back, and it is doubtful whether it can be used much longer.

The Organ was built in 1860 and paid for by public subscription. An Organ ought, doubtless, to last much longer than 23 years in a good climate, but, besides the fact that the mistake seems to have been made in the first instance of selecting a cheap instrument, in 1860 makers knew even less than they do now about guarding against the effect of tropical heat and damp. Moreover, by the unfortunate breaking up of a roof gutter during a typhoon some years ago, the interior of the Organ (even then beginning to break up) was deluged with water.

It is proposed to give the order to Messrs. WALKER & Sons, who have just successfully erected a fine Organ at Shanghai, and whose representative has himself seen the damage (incredible to the workman who has never been out of England) which years of this climate are capable of effecting.

The cost of an Organ suited to the Cathedral, laid down in Hongkong, and including the expenses of a skilled workman to come out and put it up, is estimated at £2,000, say \$2,000. This sum will not be regarded as extravagant if it is borne in mind that pipes which in England are made of dual, glued together, have, for the East, to be made of mahogany, secured with brass screws, everything else being similarly modified. An Organ so prepared should last, with proper care and occasional renewals of perishable parts, fifty or sixty years even in this climate.

It is evident that such a sum as \$12,000 cannot be provided out of the current revenue of the Cathedral, which only meets, and even that with difficulty, the current expenditure. The Trustees feel assured, however, that the Community will not feel disposed to see the only considerable Organ in the Colony disappear from our midst, and they make this appeal not doubting to meet with the same success as their predecessors a quarter of a century ago.

Contributions may be forwarded to the CATHEDRAL TRUSTEES, General Post Office, Hongkong, December 31, 1883.

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"SULPHOLINE LOTION."

A EXTERNAL Means of CURING SKIN DISEASES. There is scarcely any eruption but will yield to "Sulpholine" in a few days, and commence to fade away, even if it seems past cure. Ordinary pimplies, redness, blisters, scurf, roughness, vanish as if by magic; whilst old, enduring skin disorders, that have plagued the sufferers for years, however deeply rooted they may be, "Sulpholine" will successfully attack them. It destroys the unwholesome which causes these unightly, irritable, painful affections, and always produces a clear, healthy, natural condition of the skin.

"Sulpholine" is sold by most Chemists. Bottles, 2s. 9d. Made only by J. PEPPER & CO., London.

LIVER COMPLAINTS.

D. KING'S DANDELION & QUININE LIVER PILLS (without Mercury). THE BEST REMEDY for BILIOUSNESS, STOMACH DERANGEMENT, FLATULENCE, PAINS BETWEEN THE SHOULDERS, BAD APPETITE, INDIGESTION, ACIDITY, HEADACHE, HEARTBURN, and all other symptoms of disordered liver and dyspepsia. Acknowledged by many eminent surgeons to be the safest and mildest pills for every constitution. In boxes, at 1s. 1d., 2s. 9d., and 4s. 6d. Sold by Chemists throughout the world.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 29th Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8, 1884.

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THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A S the Post of SECRETARY to the Company is about to become vacant

Applications for same will be Received at the Head Office up to 1st February next.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. M. REINERS, Chairman.

Hongkong, January 3, 1884.

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E. J. DURRY, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC.

LESSONS given on the PIANO and ORGAN.

TERMS MODERATE.

Address, 60, THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.

Hongkong, December 18, 1883.

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NOTICE.

THE COMMISSION appointed to enquire into certain CHARGES of CORRUPTION which have recently been

Publicly made against the OFFICERS of the POST & TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT have commenced

its Sittings, and all Persons who have any

information to give upon the subject matter of its Enquiries are invited to communicate with the SECRETARY. All such Communi-

cations if desired will be considered Confidential.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Hongkong, January 3, 1884.

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LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORER.

WILL darken grey hair, and in a few days completely bring back the natural colour. The effect is superior to that produced by a direct dye, and does not injure the skin. Large bottles, 1s. 6d. Lockyer's is equal to the most expensive hair restorer.

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORER.

It is the best for restoring grey hair to its former colour. It produces a perfectly natural shade, and is quite harmless. Valuable for destroying scurf and encouraging growth of new hair. Sold everywhere.

1s. 6d. 3s. 1s. 2d. 1s. 1d.

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For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 63, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONERS),
ARE NOW LANDING
FROM AMERICA
CALIFORNIA
RAKER
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and boxes.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
CORNMEAL

TOPCAN BUTTER.
Apple BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
CODEFISH BONES.
Prime HAM and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF in 25 lb. bags.
Best Ideal SALMON in 5 lb. cans.
Cutting & Dried FRUITS in 25 lb. cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.
Lamb TONGUES.
Claw CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.

Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
SUCOTASH.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
LOBSTERS.
OYSTERS.

HONEY.
Assorted JELLIES.
Great CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.
400 lb. Capacity.
600 lb.
900 lb.
1,200 lb.

CORN BROOMS.
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.
AXES and HATCHETS.

AGATE IRON WARE.
WAFFLE IRONS.
SMOOTHING IRONS.

PAINTS and OILS.
TALLOW and TAR.
VARNISHES.

DEVOE'S NONPARIEL
BRILLIANT
KEROSENE OIL,
150° test.

EXTRA ARTICLES FROM
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
STORES,
including:
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
PLUM PUDDINGS.
MINCEMEAT.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Crystallized FRUITS.
TESSONNAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.
Pudding RAISINS.
Lancet CURRANTS.

Fine YORK HAMS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.
BROWN.
INPUTS FOOD.
CORN FLOUR.

SPARTAN
COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS.
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints and quarts.

1843 GRAVES.
BREAKFAST CLARET.

SHERRIES & PORT—
SACCONI'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
(1845).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.
1 and 2-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUMOUCHE & CO.'S BRANDY.
FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S LL. WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEERE WHISKY.
BOORD OLD TOM.
E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
NOLLY FRAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.
CHABBE'S GINGER BRANDY.

EASTERN CIDER.
MARASCHINO.
ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE
BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SANDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAFES, CASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Fronia*, Capt. PAUL
HEN, having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed
and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be
obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
Nov. 20, the 23rd Instinct.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
20th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SIEMENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 25, 1884. 154

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glory* having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods—with the exception of Opium—are
being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be
obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
Nov. 20, the 23rd Instinct.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
20th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 144

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM BATAVIA AND SAIGON.

THE Steamship *Coupla* having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1884. 129

CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

A SUPPLY of the above in Good Order
has just been Received.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1884. 5

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, NEWCHUNG, TIEN-
TSIN, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Hector will be despatched at
2 p.m. TO-MORROW, the
27th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 26, 1884. 160

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Chinkiang, Captain HERMANN, will
be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the
27th Instat.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 26, 1884. 164

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 3/3 L.I.L. American Ship
Loretto Fish, Master, shortly due, will
load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 26, 1884. 165

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. JAN. 23, 1884.

Stocks Nos. of Shares Value Paid-up Reserve Working Account Last Dividends Closing Quotations, Cash.

BANKS & BANKS & SH.

Bank..... 60,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 3,196,336 \$ 52,500.02 £2 170% = \$337 1/2

INSURANCES & INSURANCES

Nth. China Ins. 5,000 £ 200 £ 50 18% TL1350 p. ab.

Yangtze Ins. 8,000 £ 250 £ 25 50,000 \$ 576,391.00 £25 18% TL1000 "

Union Ins. Soc. 2,000 £ 1,250 \$ 125 \$ 500,000 \$ 576,391.00 £25 18% TL1000 "

China Traders Insurance..... 24,000 \$ 63,333 26 \$ 600,000 \$ 107,411.65 22% £78 "

C'lon Ins. Office 10,000 \$ 250 \$ 50 ... 506,127.77 10% £1074 "

Chinos Ins. Co. 1,500 \$ 1,000 \$ 200 \$ 100,378 ... Debit balance 3% £200 "

HK Fire Ins. 8,000 \$ 250 \$ 50 \$ 861,000 \$ 250,732.56 £200 £335 "

China Fire Ins. 20,000 \$ 100 \$ 20 \$ 500,000 \$ 106,360.49 £36.60 £74 "

STEAM COMPANIES & COMPANIES

H.K. & C. M. & Steamboat Co. 8,000 \$ 100 \$ 75 \$ 200,000 \$ 41,320.05 6% £123 "

Indo-China S. Nav. Co. 120,000 £ 10 £ 10 Debit. 25% div.

China & Manilla S. S. Co., Lt. 3,600 \$ 100 all ... par.

MISCELLANEOUS

H.K. & W.H.P.O. Dock..... 10,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 18,000 \$ 2,030.00 4% £123 "

H.K. & China Ga Co..... 5,000 £ 10 £ 5 104,758.14 82 1,144,18.92 £84 p. share

H.K. Kong Hotel..... 2,000 \$ 100 \$ 100 \$ 30,000 \$ 83 £150 "

China Sugar Co. 9,000 \$ 100 \$ 100 \$ 5,605.60 £82 £1274 "

H.Kong Ice Co. 1,250 \$ 100 \$ 100 \$ 15,250 £876.00 £12% for £155 "

H.Kong Bakery 600 \$ 50 \$ 50 \$ 4,000 £253.45 £82 "

Luzon Sugar Co. 7,000 \$ 100 \$ 100 \$ 4,000.65 £93 "

Perak Tin Min'g & Smelting Co. 3,000 \$ 50 all ... First year £190 "

LOANS

Chi. Imp. 1874 6,276 £ 100 all 8% Jans 30 Dec 31

" 1878 16,040 £ 100 all 8% Feb 28 Ag 31

" 1881 3,592 TL 500 all 8% April & Oct

" 1883 5,656 TL 500 all 8% June 30 Dec 10

Rates of Interest.

Payable.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Bonaparte* reports:

Experienced moderate monsoon and fine weather.

The Japanese steamer *Kunimatsu Maru* reports:

Fine weather throughout.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

DAVIS & D'ANGELIS, Lessee.

THIS EVENING,
Saturday, 26th January, 1884.

BENEFIT TO
MISS MINNIE NORDT,
on which occasion

Miss Nordt will have the honour of
appearing

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
HONGKONG

as
LOTTIE GRANT
in
JAMES ALBURY'S GREAT CREATION,

" THE TWO ROSES."

This Comedy has enjoyed the greatest run
on the London Stage and was the piece
which immortalised the greatest actor
of the day, HENRY IRVING.

" THE TWO ROSES."

CHARACTERES

DIGBY GRANT, Esq., Mr. C. J. Barber,
CALME DECE, Mr. Kidman,
JACK WYATT, Mr. Sothern,
OUR MR. JENKINS, Mr. Jeff D'Angelis,
MR. FURNIVAL, Mr. F. W. Oakley,
LOTTE GRANT, Miss Victoria Loftus,
IDA GRANT, Miss Florence Conlin,
MRS. CURRIE, Miss Anna.

Act 1st.

AT DIGBY GRANT'S HOUSE.</

OTHELLO.

O'Thello was a sojer bould,
Though black he was by nature;
To Diademyon he was well,
An innocent young creature.
Wid her lived in quiett payco,
For she was in paygo,
Till on a cursed night he met
A villain called Iago.
Sez he, "Yer wife's a purjured jade;
Och i' faithless insie, oh!
She doon't care for Cassio!"
"Wid him she gallivants about;
All in her hours of layroo;
To him she gave her handkerchief,
To wip his dirty rayzore!"
Wid he fell into a rage,
And riz a wondrous riot,
An' avon't he murder that he night,
Whin everything was quiet.
But not wid dagger, nor wid dirk,
For that would raise a foul sthr;
He'd tak'n an' blow the candle out,
An' feed her wid the busterh."

JOSH BILLINGS' PHILOSOPHY.

MAYVELLINGS.

If you would kno' what a weak thing duning is, let the phiddle stop playing suddenly, and see what a confused and demoralized set the dancin' are.

The cheapest way I kno' av to get a good and lasting reputashon is to be honest.

The most successful men in all things are those who don't seem to kno' the difference between good luk and bad luk.

The best thing eny one can do is to cufakate his chilidren; if he kno' not eny, the next best thing is to help to edukate somebody else.

The man who takes no pla spells, will be old long before his time.

When thare is tribule in the church, the devil is alwaise in hi ghe.

There is a grato deal av repontanze which is nothing more than being sorry-to-day, for thins that we expect to comint tomorrow.

To be alwaise prent a man that is infallible, but we can't eny from that breed o' phibes at all.

There is nothing so healthy for a man as an infallible rebuke; it acts az ballast for his toy soles.

Hunting for happiness is the most fruitless hunt that eny one can engage in.

The time has finally arrived in literature, when plagerism is the rule, and originality the exception.

The devil is proud of the hipkritis; they are his diaxous and idlers.

Most people, if they was deprived of the use ov the pronoun "I," wouldn't hav much to say eny subjek.

An idli man spends to-day, laying out work for to-morrow.

I notiss those people who do the most gessing allwaise git things wrong tho' ofteest.

Men are very apt to see in their mabes most plainly the faults they themselves hav got the most ov.

It is very soodun if ever, yn hear a bixy man complainin' az bad luk.

Yer here is a recipie for popularity. Don't try to make a man pleased with you, but with himself.

There is no one so pure and honest but what he has got to learn what he knows by experience, just the same as the rest ov us do.

The dearest thing to any one is their life, and yet the prick ov a pin will deprive them ov it.

Most people in prosperity forgit the lesson they leart in adversity.

He who gives away nothing until after he is died has simply parted with what don't belong to him.

Kast our bred on the waters is a good risk to take. If men don't git it, the fish may.

What a man possesses, and don't use, is just so much extra baggage in the journey ov life, at the risk ov the owner.

A man called a young lady his "precious darling little honeydew of a blossoming risbuct," and then plod a branch of priso'nt, but nothing can be done.

A GENTLEMAN was tellin' a little boy about the bopard not being able to change his spots. "Surely," said the boy, "when he is tired of one spot he can change to another."

"Henson," said Muggins, "they tell me you've taken your boy away from the graded school. What's that for?" "Cause," said Hobson, "the master ain't to teach 'im." "Oh," said Muggins, "I've heard he's a very good master." "Well," replied Hobson, apologetically, "all I know is he wanted to teach my boy to spell tatter with a 'p'."

One morning Jerrold and Compton proled together to view the pictures in the Gallery of Illustration. On entering the antorom, they found themselves opposed to a number of very long-looking glasses. Pausing before one of these, Compton turned to Jerrold, "You've come here to admire works of art. You'll well; first fix your eyes on that work of nature!" pointing to his own figure reflected in the glass. "Look at it; thare a picture for you!" "You," said Jerrold, regarding it intently, "very fine, very fine indeed!" Then, turning to his friend—"Wants hanging, though!"

Government Notification.

No. 56.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.

The following Rules regarding signalling at the Peak are published for general information.

By Command,

FRANCISKE STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 17th February, 1883.

SIGNAL STATION, VICTORIA PEAK, HONGKONG,
1825. *See above See Level.*

The Union Jack will be hoisted at the Mast Head when any vessel is being signalled.

2. The Commercial Code of Signals for all Nations will be used at the Station.

3. All Signals made by vessels in the Offing will be repeated.

4. When Signalling to Mon-of-War in the Harbour or in the Offing, a White Ensign will be hoisted at the Flagstaff, and at the Mast Head of the Man-of-War.

5. When a Steamer, or the smoke of a Steamer, is sighted, the Compass Bearing on the Yawl Arm, and Distance off at the Mast Head, will be hoisted. If, when the vessel is made out, she is not a Mail Steamer, the Vessel's Distinguishing Flag will be substituted for the Compass Signal, and it will be kept flying until the Ship anchors.

The Distance Signal will be kept up fifteen minutes after the Steamer is made out.

6. If the Steamer is a regular Mail Steamer a Gun will be fired, and a Ball over the English, French, or American Ensign, with the Distance off at that time, will be shown at the Mast Head. The Compass Signal and a Signal will be hoisted down.

7. Ball and Signal will be kept up until the vessel anchors. The Distance Signal will be kept flying for 1800 feet, and changed at each successive half hour to show the Distance off at those times. When the vessel is between Green Island and the North Point of Hongkong the Distance Signal will be hoisted down. If the Mail Steamer is not in the Harbour when it is too dark to distinguish flags, a red light will be exhibited at the West Yard Arm, or a green light at the East Yard Arm until she anchors.

8. River Steamers will not be signalled.

The approach of other Steamers from Macao or Canton will be made known by showing the National, or House Flag and Signal.

9. The flag showing that an Officer of high rank is on board an incoming vessel, or a small flag will be shown above the Ball, or the Flag alone, will be hoisted at the Mast Head.

10. The approach of Men-of-War and Sailing Vessels will be notified by their proper Symbols and National Colours, or House Flags, at the Quarter of the Yard, or at the Yard Arm.

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H. G. THOMAS, L.N.

Harbour Master, &c.

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